

**Findings and Recommendations of the
Tulsa City Council Election Reform Task Force**

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- Independent candidates should be treated equitably with candidates of recognized political parties. Therefore, the City should:
 - Combine the Charter provisions describing the requirements to file for office as a partisan (Art. VI, Section 3.1) or independent (Art. VI, Section 3.2) candidate so that:
 - Any candidate (partisan or independent) may file for municipal office by paying the set filing fee OR collecting the required number of signatures.
- The City should adopt the State of Oklahoma's practices for run-off elections, requiring a majority of votes for a primary election victory. The City should provide for primary elections for independent candidates, in addition to those held for partisan candidates.
- There was an equal division of consensus regarding residency requirements for filing for municipal elective office.

Other areas reviewed:

- In the area of partisan and non-partisan elections, the Task Force did not find any consensus for altering the current practice.
- In the area of campaign finance, the Task Force finds the ability of candidates to self-fund their campaigns at unlimited levels regrettable but protected under the U.S. Constitution.